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SUBJ: CHAIRMAN MENGISTU'S ACCUSATION THAT AMERICANS ARE
TRAINING ERITREAN SEPARATISTS

1. PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU INCLUDED STATEMENT IN HIS
JUNE 7 SPEECH (EMBASSY COMMENTING ON MORE FULLY IN SEPTTEL),
"IN ADDITION TO THE UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF LIGHT AND HEAVY
WEAPONS TO THE SEPARATISTS THROUGH IRAN, SYRIA AND OTHERS,
ADDITIONAL AMERICAN ADVISORS NUMBERING MORE THAN 60 HAVE
RECENTLY BEEN DEPLOYED ON OUR BORDER TO TRAIN THE
TRAITOROUS ERITREAN SEPARATIST GROUPS. THIS DOES NOT
INCLUDE INSTRUCTORS SENT FROM IRAQ, EGYPT, AND OTHERS
FROM TIME TO TIME. THIS PROVES BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT
THESE COUNTRIES ARE DIRECTLY INTERFERING IN ETHIOPIA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

2. NORMALLY VAGUE ACCUSATION SUCH AS THIS WOULD NOT
MERIT OFFICIAL COMMENT. HOWEVER, DEPT WILL RECALL THAT
FOLLOWING OFFICIAL MOFA STATEMENT ACCUSING USG OF PLOTTING
WITH SOMALIA FOR ANNEXATION OF DJIBOUTI TO LATTER, IT
WAS LEARNED THAT OUR FAILURE TO REACT IMMEDIATELY WAS
INTERPRETED BY IMPORTANT OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN OFFICE AS
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GIVING CREDIBILITY TO ACCUSATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID
SAME REACTION IN THIS CASE. EMBASSY PROPOSES, NOT TO
PROTEST, BUT TO INFORM MOFA OFFICIALLY THAT IS SEEKS
CLARIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN'S REMARK, STATE IT KNOWS OF
NO AMERICAN CITIZENS TRAINING ERITREANS INSIDE OR OUT-
SIDE OF ETHIOPIA AND DENIES IMPLICATION THAT USG IS
INTERFERING IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ANY DETAILS

PMGSE CAN SUPPLY CONCERNING POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF
AMCITS WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. REQUEST REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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